Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

EASTRIDGE TO BART REGIONAL CONNECTOR POLICY ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, November 8, 2018

10:30 AM

Isaac Newton Senter Auditorium

County Government Center

70 West Hedding Street

San Jose, CA

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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3. ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONSENT AGENDA

4. ACTION ITEM - Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2018.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. INFORMATION ITEM -Receive the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project Status Update.

6. INFORMATION ITEM -Receive the Santa Clara-Alum Rock Bus Rapid Transit Project Status Update.

7. INFORMATION ITEM -Receive an update on the Community Outreach Activities for the aesthetics of the Story Station Pedestrian Bridge. (Verbal Report)

OTHER

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. ADJOURN

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Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Policy Advisory Board

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Policy Advisory Board was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairperson Cortese in the Isaac Newton Senter Auditorium, County Government Center, San Jose, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Sylvia Arenas	Member	Present
Magdalena Carrasco	Vice Chairperson	Absent
Cindy Chavez	Member	Present
David Cortese	Chairperson	Present

A quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no Public Presentations.

3. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Orders of the Day.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Regular Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2018

M/S/C (Chavez/Arenas) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2018.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] – Consent Agenda Item #4**
MOVER:	Cindy Chavez, Member
SECONDER:	Sylvia Arenas, Member
AYES:	Arenas, Chavez, Cortese
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Carrasco

NOTE: M/S/C MEANS MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED AND, UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Eastridge to BART Regional Connector, Capitol Expressway LRT Extension Revised Vertical Alignment and Funding Plan

Ken Ronsse, Deputy Director, Rail and Facilities, provided an overview of the staff report.

Members of the Committee made the following comments: 1) requested staff to include a historical timeline of the project highlighting prior VTA Board of Directors (Board), actions and community outreach; 2) expressed concern about the lack of resources to Eastside San Jose; 3) commented about the impacts that have affected the project's progress over the years; 4) noted the importance of voter approval for Regional Measure 3 (RM3); 5) thanked staff for their efforts in pushing forward with the project, highlighting what an asset it will be for the Eastside community to have light rail along the Capitol corridor.

Members of the Committee and staff discussed the following: 1) different funding opportunities if the VTA Board does not allocate anymore funds to the project; 2) consequences if voters do not support RM3; 3) the consultant hired that recommended grade separations; 4) the recommendation from staff to move forward in anticipation of RM3 passing, notingRM3 approval is expected to take place in June 2018; 5) Fiscal breakdown for the project; and 6) task of restoring and prioritizing projects.

Staff reported the following: 1) staff is prepared to revise the drawings if RM3 does not pass; and 2) the project's historical timeline will be completed for the May 2018 Board, noting staff is taking the time to assure its accuracy.

M/S/C (Chavez/Arenas) to recommend that the VTA Board of Directors:

1) Approve the design change of the light rail vertical alignment at the Ocala Avenue and Cunningham Avenue intersections to grade separated, resulting in an increase of 1.2 miles of aerial guideway and a final configuration with aerial alignment for the entire 2.3 mile extension of the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector, Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project; and

2) Approve funding strategy that includes use of Senate Bill 1 (SB-1) Local Partnership Program (LPP) Formula (FY17/18 and FY18/19) funds in the amount of $9 million and the use of 2000 Measure A funds in the amount of $67 million to fund the increased capital cost of $76 million for the design change.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] – Consent Agenda Item #5**
MOVER:	Cindy Chavez, Member
SECONDER:	Sylvia Arenas, Member
AYES:	Arenas, Chavez, Cortese
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Carrasco

6. Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project Status Update

Mr. Ronsse provided an overview of the staff report.

Discussion ensued about the following: 1) process leading up to the Environmental Impact Report (EIR); 2) expressed concerns over the constant changes; 3) staff's outreach efforts; 4) the importance of providing information to the Members in order for them to reach out to their constituents; 5) a placemat that would show in detail a best case and worst case scenarios; 6) the reasons for the multiple changes; 7) the timeline for the information to go to the Board and the community/public;

Nuria I. Fernandez, General Manager/CEO, reported that the changes to the project have been significant and that continuous updates would be provided as changes occur. Ms. Fernandez concurred with staff to continue moving forward, with the expectation of the passage of RM3, and if at some point funding does not come through, staff will reevaluate to see what can be done in the interim and/or what direction needs to be taken. Ms. Fernandez further reported an item that will lay out the strategy for the project is scheduled for the April 2018 Administration & Finance Committee and May 2018 Board.

On Order of Chairperson Cortese, and there being no objection, the Committee received the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project Status Update.

7. Santa Clara-Alum Rock Bus Rapid Transit Project Status Update

Mohamed Basma, Program Manager of Project Delivery, provided a brief update on the Santa Clara-Alum Rock Bus Rapid Transit project, highlighting the following: 1) staff has closed out most of the open contracts; and 2) the segment now allows for shorter transit travel time.

Members of the Committee and staff discussed the following: 1) how success and safety is measured along the corridor; 2) transportation improvements; 3) pedestrian conflicts, noting the importance of safety for pedestrians; 4) accident rates along the corridor; and 5) types of signage along the corridor, noting staff is planning to provide new signs for the corridor.

Staff reported the following: 1) that there was an increase in incidents along the corridor when it first opened, but it has decreased to three incidents in the past three months; 2) VTA is working with the City of San Jose to provide the utmost safety for pedestrians; 3) a report will be provided to the Members showing how staff is measuring success, safety, risks, and transit time improvements.

On Order of Chairperson Cortese, and there being no objection, the Committee received an update on the Santa Clara-Alum Rock Bus Rapid Transit Project.

OTHER

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Announcements.

9. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Cortese and there being no objection, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theadora Abraham, Board Assistant
VTA Office of the Board Secretary

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

Date: October 30, 2018
Current Meeting: November 8, 2018
Board Meeting: N/A

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Policy Advisory Board

THROUGH: General Manager, Nuria I. Fernandez

FROM: Chief Engineering & Program Delivery Officer, Carolyn M. Gonot

SUBJECT: Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project Status Update

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FOR INFORMATION ONLY

BACKGROUND:

This memorandum presents a status report of the activities for the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project through October 2018.

DISCUSSION

At the May 3, 2018 VTA Board of Directors meeting, staff received direction to environmentally analyze a light rail vertical alignment for the complete length of the project. The Board of Directors also approved the proposed funding plan for a total proposed project cost of $453M that includes a combination of existing project Measure A ($247M), RM3 funding ($130M), SB1 funding ($9M), and savings from other Measure A projects ($67M).

In June 2018, the RM3 ballot measure was approved. Therefore, the only remaining outstanding budget item for this project is the identification of other Measure A project savings to apply to the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Light Rail Project. It is anticipated that the final budget will be presented to the Board for approval in early 2019.

Project Status

A public scoping meeting was held on June 14, 2018 regarding Notice of Preparation of the environmental document.

A Subsequent Initial Study/Draft Second Environmental Impact Report was released for public review on October 2, 2018. A public meeting was held on October 18, 2018 to inform changes to previously approved project and highlight any significant impacts. About 17 members of the public attended the meeting. A PowerPoint presentation highlighted the temporary and

permanent impacts from the project related to traffic, noise, vibration and air quality issues. The comment period for the environmental document ends on November 19, 2018. The final environmental document is expected for consideration by the Board in February 2019.

Community Outreach for the project and public meeting was performed through VTA media, Mailers, Nextdoor, Newspapers, Family Events, neighborhood association meetings, door to door outreach, and at council district events.

The preliminary engineering work was completed in August 2018 and was reviewed by the stakeholders including the City and the County. Final engineering of aerial alignment is underway with the focus on traffic handling during construction, bridge foundation methodology, systems design, architectural features, and production of construction documents.

Final design for relocation of PGE transmission towers are underway concurrent with right of way plan preparation. Property acquisition for utilities is scheduled for spring 2019 followed by PGE relocation work in late summer 2019.

A presentation on the previous outreach for the architectural items and the proposed design of the pedestrian overcrossing is planned for the next PAB meeting. Also a presentation of project impacts in regards to traffic, noise, vibrations and air quality is planned for the next meeting. The discussion will also include the bridge foundation design studies performed for the project.

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Memo No. 6369

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DISCUSSION:

Construction

Construction has been completed and the bus rapid transit service is in full operation.

On August 30, 2018, the City of San Jose Department of Transportation (DOT) performed signal modification work to allow left turn movements at three intersections (34th Street, McCreery Avenue and Jose Figueres Avenue) along Alum Rock Avenue. VTA and City of San Jose DOT staff coordinated efforts to develop a phasing and timing plan that minimizes impacts to BRT progression through the corridor. Staff will now monitor these traffic signals, measure traffic delays, and make adjustments as necessary.

Bus Operations

BRT buses started operating within the newly constructed median lanes along Alum Rock Avenue on May 2, 2017. As was reported at the March 21, 2018 meeting, the Route 522 service along the project corridor is experiencing time savings and ridership increases.

Project Budget

The project is under budget with numbers to be finalized once all contracts are administratively closed early next year.

Project Schedule

All construction is now complete.

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